

**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD**

June 11, 2010

Vice-Chairman Jim Ibison called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. The following members were present: Scott Bradley, Jimmy Ibison, Derrick Person, Jeremy Rowland, Ronnie Baldwin and Phyllis Carruth. Curt Clark was absent. Assistant Attorney General Amanda Abernethy and staff were also present.

Following a review of the Board Minutes for the previous month's meeting, Mr. Baldwin moved to approve the minutes presented. Mr. Rowland seconded. The motion carried on voice vote with no one opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Transfers/Suspensions/Reinstatements:

A report was provided for information purposes: There was no (0) transfer. There were no (0) agent suspensions due to termination. There were no (0) reinstatements. Chairman Ibison invited comment or discussion.

Past Due Forfeitures:

The Past Due Forfeiture Report was presented for review. Chairman Ibison invited questions, comments or discussion.

Appeal Update:

Assistant Attorney General Amanda Abernethy reported on several cases under appeal.

NEW BUSINESS

Vouchers Paid & Financial Report:

Chairman Ibison invited questions and/or discussion regarding the vouchers paid since the last Board Meeting. The Executive Director explained the current status of the fiscal 2010 budget and the progress being made on the years 2011, 2012, and 2013. It was also pointed out that several items of expenses were for materials the staff had waited to purchase till the end of the fiscal year to make sure sufficient funds were available. The Executive Director also asked the Board as a matter of routine to review and approve the previous month's expenses as a loss control function. Mrs. Carruth moved to approve the previous month's vouchers paid and financial report. Mr. Person seconded. The motion carried on a voice vote with no one opposed.

Forfeitures - Open:

The Open Forfeiture Report was presented. The Chair invited comment or discussion. There being no further discussion, the Chair called for motions. Mr. Rowland moved to suspend those licensees whose forfeitures were not paid in a timely manner. Mr. Person seconded. The motion was put to a vote and carried with all in favor.

License Approvals:

Zero (0) bondsman license applications were approved since last meeting and six (6) tentative bondsman applications were submitted for Board approval. Mr. Bradley moved to approve the tentative applications upon proper documentation being received. Mr. Rowland seconded. The motion was put to a vote and carried with all in favor.

Investigators Report:

The Board Investigator submitted a written report to the members regarding open pending and closed case files. A discussion took place regarding an out of state company offering bail bond services using the internet and credit card payments. It has been determined that this practice violates several state statutes, so a cease and desist letter was mailed return receipt, and has been received. The staff is also working with the Arkansas Sheriff's Association in distributing to all the detention facilities in the state that this practice is illegal.

Letter of Credit:

The Executive Director presented for review and discussion a situation regarding letter of credits issued by Arvest Bank. In a routine renewal it was discovered that several letters of credit held by the board are not in strict compliance with the rules. The Board instructed the Executive Director to prepare a report for review by next board meeting.

Arkansas State Police Proposal:

A proposal was presented by the Executive Director from the Arkansas State Police to amended Arkansas Code §17-19-203. This statute specifically directs that the ASP shall destroy the finger print cards used during the license approval process once that process is completed. Under the amendment the ASP would be required to maintain the finger print cards. Mr. Rowland moved to approve the proposal for submission to the legislature. Mr. Baldwin seconded. The motion was put to a vote and carried with all in favor.

Public Comments:

Director Rowland displayed a jacket he requires his agents to wear when apprehending someone. It clearly identifies the person wearing it as a "Licensed Bail Bondsman". This lead to a lengthy discussion about what types of various identification bondsman uses and what is proper or might not be. It was recommended that education provided start emphasizing this subject in continuing education classes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted for approval:

This 9 day of July, 2010


Curt Clark, Chairman